



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 30, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Transportation Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Agreement With The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District For Transit Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a Fiscal Year 2010 Master Agreement with the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) for Transit Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,422,345.

DISCUSSION:

The Master Agreement (Agreement) with MTD for the Downtown/Waterfront, Commuter Lot, and Crosstown Shuttles, the Mesa Loop, and enhanced service on Lines 1, 2, and 3 expires on June 30, 2009. MTD has requested that this Agreement be renewed for an additional year. The City's financial support for the Crosstown Shuttle, Mesa Loop, and Lines 1, 2 and 3 will end on March 31, 2010. MTD will become a direct recipient of Measure A funds as of April 1, 2010, when the Measure D funds that were supporting this service will be given directly to MTD by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. Although the Consumer Price Index has decreased by .09%, the City and MTD have agreed to include a 3% increase in this renewal that will assist MTD in offsetting their operating costs.

Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle:

MTD will provide 15,088 hours annually for the Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle, for a total operating subsidy of \$1,188,180. MTD will provide the City with the actual shuttle fare as a credit to the monthly shuttle service invoice. The City's estimated annual revenue for Fiscal Year 2010 is \$125,000. The operating subsidy that the City provides to MTD is considered to be a fare "buy down", reducing the shuttle fare from \$1.75 to the current rate of \$0.25. MTD's hourly rate for Fiscal Year 2010 will be \$78.75.

Commuter Lot Shuttle:

This agreement allows 2,537 hours of service for the Commuter Lot Shuttle between the Cota and Carrillo commuter lots, and Downtown businesses. Out of these total hours, 1,265 hours that were previously allocated specifically to the Cota Lot Shuttle will be

applied to the Crosstown Shuttle. The proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Commuter Lot Shuttle Service Agreement has an hourly subsidy of \$80.15. The total operating subsidy for the Commuter Lot Shuttle will be \$203,341.

Crosstown Shuttle:

MTD will provide up to 6,100 hours annually of Crosstown Electric Shuttle service. The 6,100 hours consist of 4,835 base hours, plus the 1,265 hours transferred from the Commuter Lot Shuttle section of this agreement. The total operating subsidy for the Crosstown Shuttle is \$283,992.

Enhanced Transit Lines 1 and 2:

MTD Transit Lines 1 and 2 connect the upper Westside and the lower Eastside to the Downtown area. This agreement will continue the improved headway from 15 minutes to 10 minutes during A.M. and P.M. peak hours. The total operating subsidy for Lines 1 and 2 will be \$208,173.

Enhanced Transit Line 3:

MTD Transit Line 3 connects downtown Santa Barbara to La Cumbre Plaza and the Upper State Street area. This route also services Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. The previously improved all-day headways going from 30 minutes to 20 minutes will continue. The total operating subsidy for Line 3 will be \$165,474.

Mesa Loop Service:

The Mesa Loop service that commenced on March 5, 2007, was included as part of the original South Coast Transit Priorities to provide transit service between the Mesa and the Downtown core, utilizing 29-foot clean diesel buses. The City will be giving MTD \$88,715 in operating assistance in Fiscal Year 2010. MTD has funded its operating costs using Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The CMAQ funds will run out on August 31, 2009 and the City will begin providing operating assistance on September 1, 2009.

Superstops and Capital Program:

MTD has been experiencing difficulty in finding an electric shuttle supplier and needs to re-power the shuttle fleet. The funding amount in the agreement for the bus replacement program reflects the use of capital funds to cover MTD's need to re-power the existing shuttle fleet. Capital funding levels will stay at \$284,470, and will end on June 30, 2010. There are no changes proposed in the agreement for the Superstops.

Funding Provisions

The total City funds for this Master Agreement are:

<u>OPERATING SUPPORT</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2010</u>
Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle	\$ 1,188,180
Commuter Lot Shuttle	\$ 203,341
Crosstown Shuttle	\$ 283,992
Mesa Loop	\$ 88,715
Enhanced Transit	\$ 373,647
Subtotal:	\$ 2,137,875
 <u>CAPITAL</u>	
Superstops	\$ 36,070
Capital	\$ 248,400
Subtotal:	\$ 284,470
 Total:	 \$ 2,422,345

Proposed Source of Funding:

	<u>Fiscal Year 2010</u>
Measure "D" Fund (Operations)	\$ 1,460,724
Measure "D" Fund (Capital)	\$ 284,470
General Fund (Transfer from RDA Fund)	\$ 300,000
Downtown Parking Fund	\$ 252,151
Fare Box Revenue (Credit)	\$ 125,000
Total:	\$ 2,422,345

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

The transit support provided under the terms of the Agreement goes toward the City's goal of increasing the availability of public transit, making use of a car a choice, not a necessity.

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